New drug pricing norms

512. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to apply the new drug pricing norms soon;

(b) whether it is a fact that price escalation in the controlled drugs was phenomenal due to loopholes in retail pricing mechanism;

(c) whether any formula is being worked out whereby the weighted average of the sales-tax and octroi would be taken into account for arriving at the final retail price of a medicine;

(d) if so, the details of formula to be reached; and

(e) by when it is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) Presently, the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 is in force. Pricing aspect of the Pharmaceutical Policy, 2002, announced in February, 2002 is before the Supreme Court in SLP (C) No. 3668/2003.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply to (c) as above.

Centralisation of drug control machinery

513. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to centralize the drugs control machinery in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when norms and practices in this regard be made uniform in all the States?